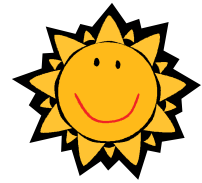




DBE DESERT NEWS



“Partnering Through Diversity” 2007 DBE Conference

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A word from Gonz... Whew! Another DBE Conference has come and gone and I have to admit, Jamie, Patti, Joe and the gang continue to outdo themselves! This year the conference saw more DBE’s, prime contractors, engineers and consultants participate in the conference. We had a huge Networking Matchmaking event that allowed DBE’s to introduce themselves to the primes. Many relationships were born out of this conference and some were solidified. We would like to see a bigger attendance by the DBE community in the future, hopefully next year we will! On another note, we are coming into the last half of the fiscal year and are planning some exciting new things that can only enhance opportunities for the DBE’s. We are looking into piloting a program that would assist DBE firms in obtaining bonding. We are going to expand the networking matchmaking events to two a year, one in Phoenix, one in Tucson and maybe another one depending on DBE interest. Thank you all who attended the conference and for making it the success that it was. We appreciate your participation.

A word from Jamie... Each Year the DBE Supportive Services Program sends out a survey to the DBE’s asking what training they would most like to see offered at the conference. This year many requested cost management, project control, estimating and bidding and marketing. We do our best to provide the best trainers in those areas. Granite Construction Company was a huge part of the training this year, they taught a hands on bidding lab that was very popular. A special thanks to them!

As you can see the 2 days was full of events that was meant to bring DBE’s and primes together to make good contacts. Our other goal is to provide assistance in training so DBE’s can become self sufficient in their industry. We were pleased with this years turn out, but we know there are so many more of you that we need to reach and get to come out. So, if you missed it this year we better see you there next year! Start planning now.

For more details check out: www.azdot.gov/ccpartnerships/transend

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UPCOMING ADOT JOBS...

ADOT JOBS BIDDING: 6/8/2007

1. Location: Tuba City– Four Corners
Project # U-160-A-500
Tracs #: 160 CN 320 H4601 01 C
Amount: \$14,704,000
2. Location: Casa Grande– I-10–
Coolidge Hwy (SR 387)
Project # TEA 387 A (004) A
Tracs #: 0387 PN 006 H6742 01 C
Amount: \$ 400,000
3. Location: Agua Fria Freeway (101L)
Project # S 101 A 515
Tracs #: 101 MA 008 H6683 01 C
Amount: \$ 1,900,000
4. Location: Globe– Lordsburg Hwy (US 70)
Project #: 070 A NFA
Tracs #: 070 GH 282 H619301 C
Amount: \$ 1,400,000

ADOT JOBS BIDDING: 6/22/2007

1. Location: Prescott– Flagstaff Hwy (SR 89)
Project # STP A89 B(201) A
Tracs #: 89A CN 382 H6988 01 C
Amount: \$ 6,605,000

ADOT JOBS BIDDING ON: 6/29/2007

1. Location: Pima Freeway (SR Loop 101)
Project #: 101 B NFA
Tracs #: 101 MA 036 H693601 C
Amount: \$70,700,000



DOING BUSINESS WITH THE STATE WORKSHOPS:



When: May 30th, 2007, 9am-12 noon

Where: Pima Community College
401 N. Bonita Ave. Room A109

Details: This workshop is designed to assist qualified small businesses through a maze of AZ State DBE certification. Also offered will be presenters from AZ State government offices to explain how to find and take advantage of business opportunities. Don't miss out on this free workshop. Seating is limited.

Hosted by: Pima Community College

For more info: (520) 206-6404 or email
sbdc@pima.edu

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

Native American Outreach

When: June 7, 2007

Where: Gila River Indian Community

Details: For more information contact Gonz or Jamie
@ 602-712-7761

When: June 28, 2007

Where: NAU Site, Flagstaff, AZ

Details: For more details: Contact Gonz or Jamie @
602-712-7761 or jgraves2@azdot.gov

23rd Annual AMAC/ FAA

Airport Diversity Business Conference

When: June 10-13, 2007

Where: Las Vegas, NV, Mirage Hotel & Casino

For more details: www.amac-org.com

FOR MORE INFO ON CURRENTLY ADVERTISED PROJECTS VISIT:

http://www.azdot.gov/Highways/cns/phone_sheet.asp

TO VISIT ADOT'S ENGINEERING WEBSITE VISIT:

<http://www.azdot.gov/Highways/ECS/>

DBE SPOTLIGHT:

Arizona Highway Safety Specialists, Inc.

Arizona Highway Safety Specialists, Inc (AHSS) was founded and incorporated in October 1987 by its founder, Karen Fann. With five hundred dollars and a home office, the company's first job started in March 1988 with a contract for flagging services on the Black Canyon Freeway, now known as Interstate 17. After the completion of that first project, enough monies were made to purchase a small set of traffic control signs and barricades to do a project in Dolan Springs, which, in turn, created more revenues to build and expand the traffic control division. In 1990, sign manufacturing equipment was purchased which allowed the company to produce many of its own signs.

In 1992, the company created a new division with the purchase of guardrail installation equipment and boom trucks for large signing projects. Eight years later, the traffic control division was purchased by a national firm and the proceeds were used to further expand the guardrail operations. This strategic move has enabled Arizona Highway Safety Specialists to become the largest company in the state of Arizona.

The company's office is located in Chino Valley, however, projects are done throughout the entire state on highways and private subdivisions. AHSS employs approximately forty employees throughout the year which consists of three guardrail crews and one sign crew.

Company: Arizona Highway Safety Specialist, Inc.

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Phone #: (928) 636- 8934

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RESOURCES:

**Arizona Hispanic
Chamber of Commerce**
www.azhcc.com (602) 279-1800

**Greater Phoenix Black
Chamber of Commerce**
www.PhoenixBlackChamber.com (602) 307-5200

U.S. Small Business Administration
www.sba.gov (602) 745-7200

Associated Minority Contractors of America
www.amcaaz.com (602) 495-0026

AZ Dept. of Commerce
www.azcommerce.com (602) 771-1196

**City of Phoenix
Equal Opportunity Dept.**
www.phoenix.gov (602) 256-4129

**City of Tucson
Equal Opportunity Dept.**
(520) 791-4866

Unified Certification Program
www.azdbe.com

BidSource
www.bidsource.com (602) 495-6492

**Arizona Minority Business
Development Center**
www.azmbdc.org

Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce
www.scottsdalechamber.com
(480) 949-2165

**National Association of Women Business
Owners (NAWBO)**
www.nawbophx.org or www.nawbotucson.org
(602) 685-1197 or (50) 32-Nawbo

American Indian Chamber of Commerce
www.aiccaz.org (602) 437-8729

Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
www.phoenixchamber.com (602) 254-5521

**AZ Department of Transportation
Civil Rights Office
1135 N. 22nd Ave 2nd Fl.
Phoenix, AZ 85009**

Civil Rights Boss Lisa Wormington is Retiring!!

After 23 years of service Lisa Wormington has finally decided to leave us and move onto the retired life. As Civil Rights Administrator Lisa has been involved in the DBE Community in every way imaginable. She has been on almost every committee that involves DBE's, she has been a member of numerous councils, a hall of fame member in many associations, the Arizona DBE Program liason, the list goes on. She also loves getting out into the field to meet and interact with the DBE's and primes.



From Page to Sierra Vista or Kingman to Yuma, Lisa is always there ready to help with her many years of experience and expertise. Over the years she has made many friends in the DBE Community. There isn't a dinner or luncheon that she attends that she isn't recognized and thanked for all of her dedication and work that she does. The Civil Rights office has been lucky to have her as long as we have. Her staff looks at her as both their friend and their boss. Lisa truly believes that family and friends come first in life and you can feel that in the office environment she has created. Although she will be missed everyday, we wish her the best as she moves toward the non working lifestyle. There is no doubt that she has put her time in, she now she can sit back, relax and enjoy life! Thank you Lisa for making work an enjoyable experience and for all of your years of dedication.

When:

Where:

****For details to any of these events you can contact either Gonz or Jamie at the ADOT Civil Rights Office.**

